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IN COURSE VISIT BERLIN YESTERDAY AND TODAY, GENERAL HODES
EXPRESSED HIMSELF AS SATISFIED WITH HANDLING STEINSTUCKEN INCIDENT.
HE DISCUSSED POSSIBILITIES FOR TAKING ACTION EXTEND GREATER
PROTECTION STEINSTUCKEN BY STATIONING THERE AMERICAN MILITARY
POLICE OR BY FACILITATING DESPATCH TO STEINSTUCKEN WEST BERLIN
POLICE. AMONG OTHER THINGS, CONSIDERATION GIVEN POSSIBILITY
MAINTAINING POLICE DETACHMENT STEINSTUCKEN TO BE SENT, SUPPLIED,
AND RELIEVED BY HELICOPTER. GENERAL HODES HAS FULL INFORMATION
REGARDING BERLIN THINKING THIS WHOLE PROBLEM. WE UNDERSTAND
THAT HE CONSIDERS PROBLEM INVOLVES IMPORTANT POLITICAL CONSIDERATIONS
AND THAT HE INTENDS TAKE IT UP FROM HEIDELBERG WITH AMBASSADOR
BRUCE.

IN CONNECTION WITH POSSIBLE USE HELICOPTER, STEINSTUCKEN LIES
IN BERLIN CONTROL ZONE. ACCORDING RELEVANT QUADRIPARTITE
DOCUMENT (DAIR/P(45)71 SECOND REVISE OF OCTOBER -2, 1946,
PARAGRAPH 3 C):

"IT IS DESIRABLE THAT, WHEREVER POSSIBLE, LOCAL FLIGHTS
(TESTING, TRAINING, ETC. TO BE EXECUTED ABOVE THE NATIONAL SECTORS
HOWEVER, IF NECESSARY THEY MAY BE EXECUTED ABOVE THE REMAINDER
OF THE CONTROL ZONE, SUBJECT TO NORMAL CLEARANCE BY THE BERLIN
AIR SAFETY CENTER."

FOREGOING CITATION DEEMED PERMIT STEINSTUCKEN FLIGHTS SUBJECT
POSSIBLE CHALLENGE BY SOVIETS AS UNNECESSARY. NORMAL WESTERN
PROCEDURE IN BASIC TO FILE FLIGHT PLANS WITH SOVIET ELEMENT
"FOR INFORMATION" ON SUCH LOCAL FLIGHTS. ALSO INHERENT TO USE
OF HELICOPTER IS POSSIBILITY OF ARMED ACTION AGAINST
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